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## Claim Status Code/Claim Status Category Code Update

**Note:** This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

All providers submitting Health Care Claim Status Transactions to Medicare carriers, including durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs), and fiscal intermediaries (FIs), including regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs)

### Provider Action Needed

This is a reminder item regarding the periodic update of certain code sets used as a result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Effective January 1, 2006, the Medicare Claims processing system will update its lists of Health Care Claims Status Codes and Health Care Claims Status Category Codes with all applicable code changes posted online with the "new as of 10/05" and prior date designations.

### Background

Under HIPAA, code sets that characterize a general administrative situation, rather than a medical condition or service, are referred to as non-clinical or non-medical code sets.

Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes are used in the Health Care Claim Status Inquiry and Response (276/277) transactions:

- Claim Status Category Codes indicate the general payment status of the claim.
- Claim Status Codes provide more detail about the status communicated in the general Claim Status Category Codes.

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These codes are available online at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/Codes.asp>

### Additional Information

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For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier/DMERC/Fl/RHHI regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R631CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier/DMERC/Fl/RHHI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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